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## A LABOR UNION DESPOTISM.

The real spirit of the strikers was shown at Kahuku yesterday by their demand for the discharge of four Japanese whom they accused of reading the Sheba papers. This was an example of sheer labor-union tyranny, the kind that invades public as well as private rights and assumes an unlawful control over both employer and employed. Especially does it show how the strikers would interpret a victory and to what despotic use they would put the power of control such a victory would give them. One can see from this Kahuku incident, and others of a similar character, that the agitators have taken the extreme attitude of labor-union fanatics; the pose of active hatred toward "scabs," of the boycott, of intimidation; and that, if they should win the present fight the governing body would use the high hand in all future dealings between employer and employed.

Surrender to forces like this would end the prosperity of the sugar business and bring about a permanent decline in stocks. Having the laborers disciplined and the employers cowed, demand would be piled on demand and the air would never be quite free from threats and suspicion. Nor would the tyranny of the union confine itself to plantations. Every employer of Japanese would feel it. Every house servant and yardboy, every clerk and day laborer would be enrolled in the "organization," his hours regulated by the central hui, his days off fixed, the exact scope of his duty marked down, his wages regulated and enough of them turned over to the Makino oligarchy in the form of dues to make that body a far more powerful institution than the Planters' Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Merchants' Association combined.

This strike, in its final analysis, is not one for the rights of labor against the arrogance of capital; it has become a fight of the people against the despotism of labor agitators, and it must be won by the law and order elements if the prosperity of Hawaii is to continue.

## PRESIDENT, SENATE AND TARIFF.

President Taft has expressed himself recently as not well pleased with the attitude of the Senate toward the tariff bill. The members of the Finance committee have consulted the President from time to time regarding certain features of their substitute and, for the provisions relating to imports from the Philippines, the proposed customs court and the maximum-minimum clause, they have won his unqualified approval. With regard to specific rates, however, Mr. Taft has not been consulted and the Senate leaders have contented themselves with general assurances, to the President, of their sincerity of purpose so to frame the schedules as to command his approval. It is not at all clear whether President Taft's desire to commend all that was commendable has been misconstrued, or whether the erroneous impression has been gained that his satisfaction with certain features of the measure would offset his disapproval of the schedules.

In discussing the tariff recently with friends the President has frankly deplored the fact that the men on whose assistance he should be able to rely, to insure the adequate revision of the Dingley rates, are so unwilling to subordinate their local interests to the national welfare and are selfishly insistent on the maintenance of high duties on those commodities most produced in their respective States.

The President is keenly alive to the importance of expeditious work by the two houses of Congress; he realizes to the full the embarrassment to the business interests of the country which is the inevitable concomitant of uncertainty regarding the tariff rates; but he is no less appreciative of the fact that the present tariff revision bill will, or should be, of a character to forestall all reasonable agitation for another readjustment of the schedules for a decade or two longer. Under these circumstances he places the interests of the consumer for that period against the immediate necessities of the business man and from the comparison reaches the conclusion that, for purely economic reasons, it is better to prolong the present situation, even by a veto, if that is necessary, than to have written on the statute books an inequitable tariff act.

Senate leaders are not impressed by the President's dissatisfaction, and they go so far even as to assert that only those who are making the tariff can form an adequate idea of the difficulties or as to the form the measure will assume after it has been submitted to the fire of the conference. However that may be, the Chief Executive has a keen suspicion that the attitude of loyal Republicans, which agrees with his own, will promote the ultimate formulation of a measure which he can approve.

A cable from Honolulu, Hawaii, says that everybody in Honolulu was complaining about the cold weather which prevailed during the last two weeks of March. The cable says that on several mornings the temperature has dropped as low as 59 degrees. During February the average temperature was 71.9. They must be thin-blooded people, indeed, if a temperature of 59 chills them.—Louisville Farmers' Journal.

That is intelligent comment. Long residence here thins the blood and makes a temperature of 59 degrees seem chilly. That is why a newcomer perspires in white negligee while an old-timer puts on a light overcoat.

After the retirement of John D. Rockefeller from the active management of the Standard Oil trust, the late Henry H. Rogers became the directing mind of that vast industry. Rogers was a self-made man and began his business career by delivering papers for a weekly rural newspaper. For many years his name was eclipsed by that of Rockefeller, but the Standard Oil investigation brought him into the limelight. It cannot be said that he made a good impression on the stand at that time; his lack of tact in dealing with opposing counsel made one of them a governor and harmed the interests committed to his care; but the people got their eye on him for the first time and fame followed.

There is a clue to the Woodruff opposition in the Senate in a stray item about the remark of the two Pennsylvania Senators, Oliver and Penrose, that they did not know him. Woodruff hails from Philadelphia and his nomination is credited to his State. But in matters like this, the Senators representing the State in Congress usually want to be consulted and, feeling themselves snubbed, Oliver and Penrose may have held up the nomination to assert their dignity.

There seems to be a feeling among strikers that, if they leave one plantation they can easily find work on another. But the wish, in such cases, is father to the thought. We have no reason to regard it as likely that other plantations will assist the trouble-makers by employing men who want to earn money for the strike maintenance fund. The sugar estates are not playing any part in the agitator's game.

Even the most ignorant laborer can hardly claim that a plantation is obliged to give him a home to maintain a strike in. Shelter and fuel are a part of the wages of plantation labor, not a reward for tying the place up.

The Kaiser's transport which spied on the river Humber will probably turn out to be a North sea excursion boat with a "benic on board and a "leddie Cherman band" for dancing purposes.

The Filipinos demand independence, but they say nothing about repaying the half a billion dollars or so that it has cost the United States to put them in the way of getting it.

If Mrs. Taft comes here for a rest cure, for heaven's sake let her get it. No prominent visitor in the past has ever had a chance.

The Sultan swears that he will uphold the constitution. He knows that his own will suffer if he doesn't.

All Paris needs to do to get the best of the barbers' strike is to change the fashion to beards and long hair.

Britannia may rule the waves in song, but she seems to be betting on the other fellows in the poolroom.

Wanted—Board and lodging for six thousand strikers. Must be free. See Makino.

Those are hot-airships that the Englanders are seeing after dark.

## Letters From the People

### OLD HONOLULU DAYS.

Boston, May 8, 1909.  
Editor Advertiser: Some time ago an inquiry was made in the Advertiser respecting an old building on the makai-Waikiki side of Chaplain lane and Nuuanu avenue.

In 1842 there stood on that spot the finest private dwelling in Honolulu. It was a large, two-story house, with wide verandas, located in the midst of a large plot of land, well cultivated and surrounded by a high stone or adobe wall, so as to give complete seclusion from all outsiders.

It was the residence of Mr. Henry Skinner, an English merchant, the founder of Janion, Green & Co. later. In those early days there was but little social intercourse between the American and English residents, and they seldom met.

Not long since there was another inquiry about a mound at the corner of Punchbowl and King streets, thought by some to be a relic of the old tomb of royalty.

The tomb of the royal family, Li-ho-liho and wife, Kaahumanu and Kinau, was a small structure built of coral which stood alone, some way from any street, in the palace grounds, on the right-hand side of the main drive to the entrance to the palace from King street. At that time, 1842, it was quite a distance from any street.

As I remember it, it had no window; hence any light inside could not be seen on the outside. Thence Dr. Judd retreated in the Lord George Paulet reign of English rule over the Islands. The Doctor was appointed one of the commission to act as interim during the appeal to the British home government. The loyal Doctor soon found his position most uncongenial politically, socially and morally, and resigned the office. His noble work in the tomb keeping the public archives secure is a matter of history. Yours truly,

GORHAM D. GILMAN.

## Around the Police Station

Because Manager Hertsche of the Young Hotel refused to prosecute, the case against Roy M. Baker, the young man whose meteoric career has a lot of interesting data attached thereto, was not pressed yesterday morning in Judge Andrade's court. The fact that Mr. Hertsche was content, after securing his money, to let the matter drop, was severely commented on by Prosecutor Brown and by Judge Andrade, the latter stating that some of these days a complainant who failed to put in an appearance in court would be cited for contempt. Brown also said that he would not look with favor on Mr. Hertsche if he wished at some future time to get out a warrant under similar circumstances.

Baker still protests that he is all right, and that everything is all right with regard to his financial condition. He was merely "temporarily embarrassed" according to a statement made. Besides having been identified by a local barber as a former professional bicycle rider in Chicago, he is now said to have been a chauffeur and follower of race-tracks in the States.

Charles A. Stanton, who has been identified with the matter by the afternoon papers, called at this office last evening to state that he knew nothing of Baker beyond an acquaintanceship of a few days, and that he did not endorse the man's check. Mr. Stanton is himself a recent arrival in the city, but is connected with a reputable business firm here and his dealings with Baker were merely commercial. Baker represented to Stanton that he wished to make an investment of a large sum of money, in the neighborhood of \$17,000. Stanton states that he will lose no money as the result of any connection with Baker.

The local business man who endorsed Baker's check may yet bring criminal charges against the latter. It is also

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rumored that the Federal authorities are looking up Baker's history in regard to the alleged bigamy matter. The management of the Seaside Hotel last evening refused to make any definite statement as to whether Baker had paid the board bill for two weeks which it was said he owed, merely saying that they would be satisfied with the money when they got it. The impression was conveyed, however, that Baker had not settled his bill, but that the management had come to terms of agreement on the matter with the man who has several black marks against him.

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